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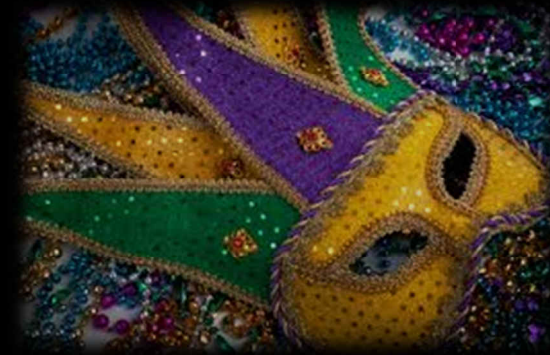
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31st Annual Winter Ball

Karneval



*St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities Cordially
invites you to attend our
58th Anniversary Celebration*

*31st Annual Winter Ball Karneval
"Meet me In World-Wide St. Louis"*

*A German Masquerade Ball
Black Tie optional OR wear your country's fashion*

*Dinner – Dancing - Silent Auction – Raffle
St. Louis Sister Cities Fashion Show*

Four Seasons Hotel
999 North 2nd Street, St. Louis, MO 63102
(complimentary parking and special room rates)

6 PM - Midnight on Saturday, February 3, 2018

Dinner Menu

*German Meat Board and Pretzel Sticks and Potato Salad
Schnitzel, Spätzle with Mushroom Gravy
Red Cabbage & Cucumber Salad*

Apfelstrudel, Kaiserschmarrn and Vanilla Ice Cream

Dance Music By
Paloma from Chicago

After Party

*Midnight until 2 a.m. featuring German Delicacies,
German Beer and Wine and Live Entertainment*

**Established 1960
ST. LOUIS-STUTTGART SISTER CITIES**

Affiliated with Sister Cities International & The World Trade Center St. Louis Representatives from St. Louis, Missouri, USA and from Stuttgart, capital of the state of Baden-Württemberg, Germany, met on March 10, 1960 to sign official documents uniting St. Louis and Stuttgart in a sister city relationship and committing each to ongoing activities, which encourage people-to-people, business-to-business and government-to-government interaction.

Our Mission

St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities – SLSSC - fosters cooperation and promotes mutual understanding through a variety of special cultural, social, economic, and sporting events. Along with many activities, members can meet Stuttgart visitors and provide St. Louis hospitality.

Since the late 80s approximately 3000 area high school and college students have visited each other's cities through home stays and internships and created ever lasting friendships. Since the late 90s, SLSSC has provided approximately \$200,000 in scholarships and grants through fundraisers and corporate sponsorships, like the Winter Ball.

If you talk to Seth Huntington about his total immersion studies at the Goethe Institute in Germany and the \$2500 scholarship he received from St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities, Inc., you'll learn his experience was life-changing:

I arrived in Schwäbisch Hall on August 27th and began my three-week immersion on September first. I tested into the B2.2 class, and plan on taking the B2 exam. Over the last few weeks, I've met people from all over the world. I've made friends and acquaintances from Japan, Turkey, Egypt, Brazil, and several other countries, the cultures of which are far different from my own and interesting to me in their own ways. Some of the Egyptian students even passed out sweets and flowers to everyone they had met as a token of friendship before returning to Cairo after their two-week course. In my life, I had never met anyone that was so friendly to people that they had just met two weeks prior, and it has inspired me to be more friendly to the people I meet on my way through life.

Before coming to Schwäbisch Hall, I never realized how thankful I was for the comfort of my native language. For my first week especially, I found the strain of always communicating in German to be taxing, and I finally saw how large the gap was between the skills of a native speaker and of someone who has studied a foreign language in their homeland. Never again will I take for granted my ability to convey myself in a clear and sophisticated manner in English, or any other language for that matter.

I would once again like to thank the St. Louis/Stuttgart Sister Cities for this opportunity, and I plan on making use of my newly-improved German languages skills by continuing my studies in Germanistik and Japanese at Universität Leipzig starting next month. I plan on spending two semesters there, and after that time, I would like to pursue a certification of C2 in German. It is due to the kind people at St. Louis/Stuttgart Sister Cities that I have had the chance to experience so many new and exciting things and for allowing me to start my journey in Europe with such a unique adventure, for which I cannot show enough gratitude.

St. Louis – Stuttgart Sister Cities – St. Louis' oldest Sister City